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REMARKS

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation.

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Independent claims 1 and 12 have been amended to include a limitation of allowable claims 2 and 13, respectively. Claims 2 and 13 have been amended to improve claim language. New claim 20 has been added to provide Applicants with the scope of protection to which they are believed entitled. No new matter has been introduced through the foregoing amendments.

The art rejections of claims 1, 5-9, 11-12, and 16-18 are noted. Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's rejections, amendments have nevertheless been made to the independent claims to avoid the rejections, solely for the purpose of expediting prosecution.

In particular, amended independent claim 1 is now directed to a back light module for a liquid crystal display having a liquid crystal panel, said backlight module comprising: a first frame; a second frame detachably coupled with the first frame, wherein the first frame and the second frame are slidable relative to each other; a plurality of lamps disposed in the second frame; and a first optical component disposed on the first frame, wherein the first frame is to be disposed between the second frame and the liquid crystal panel. Amended independent claim 12 includes similar limitations and is directed to a liquid crystal display, comprising: a liquid crystal panel for displaying images; a first frame receiving the liquid crystal panel; a second frame detachably coupled with the first frame and having a plurality of lamps for transmitting light to the liquid crystal panel, wherein the first frame and the second frame are slidable relative to each other; and a first optical component disposed on the first frame, wherein the first frame is disposed between the second frame and the liquid crystal panel. The applied references clearly fail to teach or suggest the newly added and above-highlighted limitations.

More specifically, *Hiratsuka* (US 2002/0113918 A1) discloses a liquid crystal display (1)

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comprising a first frame (41) and a second frame (42), wherein the first frame (41) and the second frame (42) are fixed together by a screw (5). See paragraph [0039] and FIG. 2A-2B of *Hiratsuka*. It should be noted that the first frame (41) and the second frame (42) disclosed by *Hiratsuka* are fixed together, as best seen in FIG. 2A, and thus unable to be slidable relative each other as recited in amended claims 1 and 12. This deficiency of *Hiratsuka* is not curable by the teaching reference of *Torihara* which is relied upon merely for a prism film utilized in an LCD backlight module.

Therefore, the structure of the back light module/liquid crystal display recited in amended claims 1 and 12 is distinguishably different from that of the applied prior art. Accordingly, amended claims 1 and 12 are neither anticipated by nor obvious over the applied references and should therefore be considered patentable.

Claims 2-11 and 13-19 should be considered patentable, at least, for the reason advanced with respect to amended claims 1 and 12 from which claims 2-11 and 13-19 depend. Claims 2-4, 10, 13-15, and 19 should also be considered patentable on their own merits as indicated in the Office Action.

New independent claim 20 is directed to a back light module for a liquid crystal display that has a liquid crystal panel, said back light module comprising: a first frame for supporting the liquid crystal panel; a second frame; at least one lamp disposed in the second frame; a neck groove disposed on one of the first and second frames; and a matching neck protrusion disposed on the other one of the first and second frames and in slidable engagement with the neck groove to couple the first and second frames together. As argued above with respect to independent claims 1 and 12, the applied references, especially *Hiratsuka*, clearly fail to teach or suggest the claimed "slidable" feature. New independent claim 20 is thus believed patentable over the art.

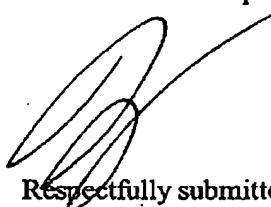
Each of the Examiner's rejections has been traversed/overcome. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance. Early and favorable

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indication of allowance is courteously solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.



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